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Clothing and Individual Equipment

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Common Table of Allowances is to provide an authorization document according to the provisions of AR 7 1-13. This CTA prescribes allowances of, and together with CTA 8-100 and CTA 50-970, constitutes the only Department of the Army authorization document for individual and organizational clothing and equipment authorized personnel of the Army components for procurement with appropriated funds. AR 670-1 designates certain items of clothing as "optional items." With exception of LIN 87786N in Tables 1 and 2, these items are not included in this CTA. They are not stocked in the Army supply system, but are obtained through the Army-Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) or other certified sources for optional purchase and wear. Military clothing worn by enlisted personnel which are neither authorized by CTA nor designated as "optional items" will be withdrawn therefrom.

2. References

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in Appendix A.

3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms

Abbreviations and special terms used in this CTA are explained in the glossary.

4. General Instructions

a. Each column in this CTA is applicable only to that Army component. Similarly, bases of issue which contain SSI/MOS designations are applicable only to personnel with the same SSI/MOS in their MTOE/TDA/JTD. Military Occupational Specialty Codes identified in this CTA are contained in Appendix D. Therefore, to the extent that clothing and equipment authorized by this table are to be acquired by units/activities by requisition on the Army supply system, such requests/requisitions should cite as exception data the applicable CTA column, the applicable MTOE/TDA/JTD, and as appropriate, the SSI/MOS.

b. Items of clothing and equipment identified by standard line item numbers are the latest adopted items of materiel. Priorities of issue, issue of substitute items pending availability of later models or in lieu thereof until exhausted, are established and authorized by current supply directives. New items of clothing and individual equipment adopted by the Army in lieu of items previously authorized for USAREUR civilian support personnel are not automatically authorized for issue to USAREUR civilian support personnel. Authorization to issue such items to USAREUR civilian support personnel rests with the Commander-in-Chief, USAREUR.

c. The allowances of commercial nonadopted items identified by nonstandard line item numbers are authorized for commercial procurement when adopted items are not available in the supply system. Commercial nonadopted items purchased locally will not be computed as requirements and as part of a supply control study. Nonadopted items commercially procured should whenever possible conform to American National Standards Institute recommendations and specifications. Supply data pertaining to distinctive uniform items reflected in this CTA are referenced in Appendix E.

d. Allowances of individual safety and protective clothing and equipment authorized herein may be decreased or omitted at the discretion of the local commander when determined to be unnecessary for the administration of the Army Safety Program, except those items authorized herein to TOE units or individuals of TOE units which may be decreased or omitted only at the discretion of major Army commanders or the Chief, National Guard Bureau. Requisitions will be restricted to those items actually required for accomplishment of the mission or discharge of assigned duties.

e. The term "add per" is used in some of the bases of issue and is interpreted as follows. In some cases the basis of issue narrative itself contains the allowance quantity to be added. If this is not the case, the basis of issue means that an additional allowance of the same item is authorized in the quantity shown in the allowance column of that item.

f. It is essential that appropriate commanders use extreme care in authorizing discretionary allowances indicated in section III to insure limitation qualitatively and quantitatively to those items which are essential to the mission of their commands. Too liberal an interpretation of what is necessary will generate excessively large requirements and adversely affect the supply situation Army-wide. Guidelines for individual issue of discretionary items are provided in Appendix O.

g. Upon determination that an appropriate commander, within the discretionary authority contained in the basis of issue for appropriate items herein, desires to authorize these items which will amount to an increase of 15 percent or more over quantity authorized the previous year, the appropriate SICC/MSC will be contacted for the date requisitions can be accepted and supply effected.

h. Individual safety and protective clothing and equipment authorized herein, except safety shoes and safety eyewear with prescription lenses (AR 385-10), will be issued solely on an organizational basis. Only minimum quantities required on a specific job assignment basis will be requisitioned or procured by using activities or stations. Safety shoes and safety eyewear with prescription lenses will be considered as nonrecoverable property.

i. The generic nomenclature utilized for many nonadopted safety and protective items in this table permits procurement of appropriate variations of items where peculiar characteristics are required for the performance of specific functions. In these cases professional safety and health personnel will be consulted for the selection (prescription) of the appropriate safety and protective item to be used, because this must depend upon a careful analysis of the hazards involved.

j. When an adopted item is authorized in the table and a suitable nonadopted item is on hand, the nonadopted item will be retained in lieu thereof until unserviceable.

k. Expendable items of personal safety and protective clothing and equipment are not included in this table. These items are authorized by and will be obtained in accordance with AR 385-10 and CTA 8-100 or CTA 50-970. A list of additional OCIE authorized in CTA 50-970 is contained in Appendix H.

l. Research personnel whose duties regularly require operations within climatic chambers should be authorized organizational clothing identified by standard line item numbers for the clothing allowance zone which is related to those conditions prevailing in the climatic chamber. Items and allowances of protective clothing for temperatures ranging between minus 50°F and minus 100°F are identified by items with nonstandard line item numbers. Clothing allowance climatic areas (except ROTC) are contained in Appendix B and ROTC is in Appendix C.

m. Officer and warrant officer personnel will provide, at their own expense, toilet articles, towels, underwear, and other personal items, and items of clothing which enlisted personnel receive as initial (clothing bag) issue, taking into consideration the climatic area in which serving. Contingency force commanders will be authorized, as required, under separate DA directives, to add to or deviate from the mandatory purchase items as considered necessary when taking into consideration the climatic area and conditions under which the troops are serving. See AR 670-1.

n. Installation safety or health personnel should be contacted for information and advice concerning the proper selection, fit, and use of safety equipment.

o. Items listed in this CTA will be accounted for on property books or hand receipted to individuals on DA Form 3645 or DA Form 4886 as prescribed by AR 7 10-2. Guidance on transfer of organizational issue items is contained in Appendix F.

5. Special instructions

a. This CTA is organized in a six-column format and includes-

(1) AA-Peace. Allowances for the Active Army (military) during peacetime.

(a) For the purpose of establishing a priority guide for supply and issue control, TOE units of the Army and individuals therein

will be considered within the unit categories assigned and/or established in section I, General, of appropriate TOE, i.e., categories I, II, III. For definition of unit categories, see the glossary. Army Commanders may, at their discretion, reclassify individual units when they are employed in a manner comparable to organizations in the category of the desired classifications. For the purpose of this table, units operating at USAF bases will be considered category III units. Also for the purpose of this table, unassigned casualties, individuals not in classified units undergoing training, bulk allotments of personnel, overhead, and individuals not otherwise classified will be considered in category III.

(b) Personnel moving from CONUS to an overseas area, from one overseas area to another, from one clothing zone to another, or returning to CONUS from an overseas area, will be clothed and equipped under the applicable climatic zone by the gaining commander, unless directed or modified by DA movement orders, or by DA directives to commanders. Items of clothing and equipment issued on a discretionary basis in one climatic zone will be turned in when personnel are ordered to another climatic zone, unless otherwise prescribed by Appendix F or by DA movement orders.

(2) AA—Mobilization. Allowances for the Active Army (military) during the period of mobilization.

(a) All allowances for clothing and equipment for contingency plans and mobilization not in conformity with the Active Army—Mobilization column herein, are hereby rescinded, except those allowances authorized by the Department of the Army as special issues, in special lists, or in movement orders. However, it should be noted that although many mobilization allowances are shown as mandatory, the wide variation of both climatic and topographic conditions which exists in most commands is such that commanders should exercise caution when prescribing full allowances throughout a given command.

(b) For the purpose of establishing a priority guide for supply and issue control, TOE units of the Army and individuals therein will be considered within the unit categories assigned and/or established in section I, or appropriate TOE, i.e., categories I, II, III. The theater of operations commander may, at his discretion, reclassify individual units when they are employed in a manner comparable to organizations in the category of the desired classifications. For the purpose of this table, units operating at USAF bases will be considered category III units undergoing training: bulk allotments of personnel, overhead, and individuals not otherwise classified will be considered in category III.

(c) The theater of operations or Army overseas contingency force commander, or Commanding General, United States Army Forces Command/Commanding General, United States Army, Pacific, Commander-in-Chief, United States Army Forces Readiness Command (CG FORSCOM/USARPAC/UNCINCARRED) is authorized to designate those items of clothing and equipment in the Active Army—Mobilization column which will be worn or carried by personnel under his command and those items which will be otherwise transported or stored. The CG FORSCOM/USARPAC/UNCINCARRED is authorized to approve the requisitioning or issue of any item in the Active Army—Mobilization column when the item is required by a unit to enable that unit to be prepared to accomplish an assigned contingency mission.

(d) Personnel moving from one theater to another, or from one clothing zone to another, will be clothed and equipped under the applicable climatic zone whenever practicable. Items of clothing and equipment issued based on a climatic area will be turned in when personnel are ordered to another climatic area, unless otherwise prescribed by the Department of the Army. Movement orders or DA directives may modify allowances contained in the Active Army—Mobilization column.

(e) Contingency force commanders will develop and obtain approval from the Department of the Army for modifications of the Active Army—Mobilization column authorizations when allowances contained therein are deemed inadequate. Allowances peculiar to such forces have not been included within this column for general mobilization application. Examples of special allowances which should be separately authorized as peculiar to contingency

force commander's requirements—are one additional canteen and cover for authorization is extremely hot desert where water supply is short or potentially polluted, one pneumatic mattress or mat sleeping per individual in lieu of limitation to one per sleeping bag, and one poncho per individual.

(f) MACOMs are authorized to approve the retention/issuance of the Army green uniform for wear during mobilization when required for the necessary operation of the unit, military mission, or for discharge of assigned military duties.

(3) ARNG. Allowances for the Army National Guard (military and Excepted Service Technicians) not on active Federal service. These allowances are sufficient for training purposes and for the emergency period following mobilization until mobilization allowances can be supplied.

(4) ROTC. Allowances for the Reserve Officers Training Corps (SROTC and JROTC) students at institutions maintaining ROTC programs and attending ROTC camp.

(a) ROTC school electing commutation: only Boots Combat/ Buckle Belt Black/Coat and Trousers Camouflage Pattern Temperate (BDU) and Coat and Cap Cold Weather ASROTC/Cap Hot Weather, Coat Cold Weather, Shirt and Trousers Utility for BSROTC/Socks Wool Nylon Cotton Cushion Sole/Belt Trousers Black (Female Only) indicated by Note 1 will be considered as issue items for those institutions which have elected commutation funds in lieu of the issue—in-kind uniform in accordance with Table 10—1, AR 700—84. Other items (e.g., AG uniform and all weather coat) will not be considered issue items for those institutions receiving commutation funds.

(b) Issue of the allowances contained in the ROTC (SROTC and JROTC) column is authorized in the climatic areas indicated. Reduction of the quantity of an item or items is at the discretion of the individual PMS, Director of Army Instruction, or Senior Army Instructor.

(c) The basis of issue “per student ROTC Camp” includes advanced camp (or ranger training in lieu thereof), basic camp cadets, and JROTC camp. Whenever it is necessary to indicate an item applicable only to one of the camps, the camp will be specified in the basis of issue. See AR 145—1 for definition of advanced camp and basic camp.

(d) In accordance with paragraph b above, ROTC cadets who are participants in the ROTC/Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) will not be issued, at the ROTC unit, items of individual clothing which have been provided by the USAR or ARNG unit to which the ROTC/SMP participant has been assigned. This is not applicable to any item of clothing worn as an outer garment on which the ROTC shoulder sleeve insignia has been or will be sewn.

(5) USAR. Allowances for the Army Reserve (military) not on extended active duty nor during periods of mobilization. These allowances are sufficient for training purposes and for the emergency period following mobilization until mobilization allowances can be supplied.

(6) DA Civilian. Allowances of items authorized DA civilian employees in the performance of assigned duties. Includes those prescribed for issue to U.S. citizen civilian mobilization designees and civilian employees (U.S. and Local National) designated emergency—essential on MOB TDA in overseas theaters for wear under emergency conditions involving the outbreak or imminent outbreak of hostilities. Items thus issued may be worn pre-M-day by authorized civilians as required for regular participation in readiness tests and field exercises with the current employing organization or unit. Also includes Army National Guard Competitive Service Technicians but excludes Army National Guard Excepted Service Technicians (3) above.

(a) With the exception of prescription safety—type glasses, the items with allowances in this column will be used or worn by civilian personnel only while on official duty.

(b) The authorizing of field clothing and equipment to CMD pertains only to those overseas commands which have a CMD program in effect or have designated emergency—essential civilian positions on the MOB TDA. This CTA is not to be used as the basis of justification for initiating such a program.

b. This CTA also includes the safety and protective clothing and equipment for the protection of personnel in accordance with AR 385—10.

c. This CTA does not constitute authority to stock an item in major commands in war reserves or in operational projects. Such authorities are contained in AR 700—9 and in AR 710-1, respectively.

6. Modifications

Requests for modifications to bases of issue and allowances in this CTA will be submitted through command channels to Project Manager, Soldier, Attn: AMCPM—SDR, 14050 Dawson Beach Road, Woodbridge, VA 22191-1419, per the provisions of chapter 5, AR 71—13. ARNG units submit through State HHD and CNGB, Attn: NGB-ARL-LS.

7. Allowances

The following allowances are established for all individuals of the Department of the Army. The term “individual” when used alone in the basis of issue is defined to include, as appropriate to the column in which an allowance appears, enlisted men and women, male and female officers and warrant officers, and male and female DA civilians. Bases of issue stated herein apply to all climatic zones unless otherwise specified. Tables 1 and 2 provide initial clothing allowances for the fiscal year indicated in para 8 a only. These allowances, with increased, decreased, or replacement item changes, are published annually in September with a 1 October effective date. This listing is used to conduct required inspections in accordance

with paragraph 1—40 and H, AR 700—84, but must be modified for each individual based on when an initial issue was received and the effective dates of changes to the issue which are provided in Appendix D, mandatory possession/wearout dates, in AR 670—1. In addition to the information in above appendix, the uniforms which may be worn (to include optional items), the items which may be worn on the uniforms, the manner in which the uniforms are worn, and the occasions when the uniforms will or will not be worn, are prescribed in AR 670-1.

8. Personal Clothing

The term “personal clothing” includes military-type clothing and clothing of a personal nature, such as headgear, underwear, footwear, service uniforms, and component items prescribed by the secretary of the Army that are provided (a) under the clothing monetary allowance system (CMAS) to enlisted personnel of the peacetime Active Army (AA—P), and (b) under the issue-in-kind system to enlisted personnel of the mobilization active army (AA—M), Army National Guard (ARNG), and United States Army Reserve (USAR), and to students of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC).

a. Initial (clothing bag) (FY94). Initial clothing allowances authorized for enlisted personnel and ROTC students are listed in tables 1 and 2. Initial clothing allowances are items and quantities of personal type clothing and service uniforms, with component items, furnished to enlisted members when entitled to an initial issue clothing allowance in accordance with paragraph 4—2, AR 700-84.

Table 1
Initial Clothing Allowances—Male

1 Line Item No.	2 Item, Basis of Issue, and Remarks	3 Unit of Issue	4 Allowances					
			AA-P MPA	AA-M MPA	ARNG NGPA	ROTC RPA	USAR RPA	DAC
B14729	BAG DUFFEL: NYLON DUCK OG106 W/2 STRAPS PER EM; ASROTCM CADET	EA	1	1	1	1	1	-
B60252	BELT TROUSERS: COTTON WEBBING BLACK 1¼ INCH P&REM;ROTCM	EA	2	2	2	1	2	-
C06749	BOOTS COMBAT: LEATHER BLACK MILDEW RESISTANT (NOTE 84) PER EM; SROTCM (NOTE 1); JROTCM; ADD PER SROTCM (NOTE 1); JROTCM (NOTE 184)	PR	2	2	2	1	2	-
C06886	BOOTS COMBAT: MENS LTHR BLK ORTHOPEDIC MILDEW RESIST 10½ IN H PER EM/ROTCM WHO REQUIRES ORTHOPEDIC CORRECTION TO FOOTWEAR ILO BOOT LIN C06749	PR	2	2	2	1	1	-
C32182	BUCKLE: BELT TROUSERS YELLOW BRASS POLISHED AND LACQUERED PER EM (NOTE 2); ASROTCM; JROTCM; BSROTCM (NOTE 1)	EA	1	-	1	1	1	-
C32045	BUCKLE: BELT TROUSERS YELLOW BRASS BODY BLACK OXIDIZED SURFACE PER EM; SROTCM (NOTE 1); JROTCM	EA	1	1	1	1	1	-
COI 123	CAP CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN: WOODLAND PATTERN TEMPERATE PER EM (NOTE 9); SROTCM (NOTE 1); JROTCM (NOTE 185).....	EA	2	2	1	1	1	-
D01489	CAP GARRISON: POLYESTER WOOL SERGE AG 344 PER EM (NOTE 2) (NOTE 138); ASROTCM; JROTCM; BSROTCM (NOTE 1)	EA	2	-	1	1	1	-
003750	CAP HOT WEATHER: POLYESTER RAYON GABARDINE OLIVE GREEN 106 PER JROTCM.....	EA	-	-	-	1	-	-
R09708	COAT ALL WEATHER: MANS COTTON-POLY DOUBLE BREASTED POPLIN BLACK PER EM; ASROTCM; JROTCM; BSROTCM (NOTE 1)	EA	1	-	1	1	1	-
C64956	COAT CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN: WOODLAND PATTERN HOT WEATHER (NOTE 129) PER EM (NOTE 9) (NOTE 87); SROTCM CLIMATIC ZONE I ILO C43302 (NOTE 1); JROTC (NOTE84)	EA	2	2	2	2	1	-
C43302	COAT CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN: WOODLAND PATTERN TEMPERATE (NOTE 129) PER EM (NOTE 9) (NOTE 87); SROTCM (NOTE 1)	EA	2	2	2	2	2	-
	PER JROTCM (NOTE 185).....		-	-	-	1	-	-
E43851	COAT COLD WEATHER: CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN PER EM (NOTE 139); SROTCM (NOTE 1)	EA	2	2	1	1	1	-
E44261	COAT MANS: POLYESTER WOOL SERGE ARMY GREEN 344 PER EM (NOTE 2); ASROTCM; JROTCM; BSROTCM (NOTE 1)	EA	1	-	1	1	1	-
G48939	DRAWERS MENS: COTTON BROWN 436 WITH ELASTIC WAISTBAND PER EM (NOTE 9) (NOTE 16)	PR	7	7	-	-	-	-
G67721	GLOVES LEATHER: MENS DRESS BLACK PER EM	PR	1	-	1	-	-	-
J62858	GLOVE INSERTS: NYLON.WOOL KNITTED OG208 WORN WITH GLOVE SHELLS	PR						